

J. M. PARKER, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:
MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred house file No. 495, a bill for an act to legalize deeds by counties of swamp and other lands owned and conveyed by such counties, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and have adopted a substitute, and have instructed me to report the same back to the house with the recommendation that it be adopted, and when adopted, that it do pass.

J. M. PARKER, *Chairman*.

Ordered passed on file.

SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE FILE NO. 495.]

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO LEGALIZE DEEDS BY COUNTIES OF SWAMP AND OTHER LANDS
OWNED AND CONVEYED BY SUCH COUNTIES.

WHEREAS, Prior to the taking effect of the revision of 1860, all conveyances of real estate
2 owned by counties were required to be executed in the name of the county by the county
3 judge in his official capacity, with the county seal attached; and,

4 WHEREAS, By the revision of 1860 conveyances of swamp land were required to be ex-
5 ecuted by the county court, and countersigned by the clerk of said court, with the seal of the
6 county attached; and,

7 WHEREAS, In many counties of this state deeds conveying swamp and other lands have
8 been executed without having the county seal attached, and others without being counter-
9 signed by the clerk, with the seal of the county attached or affixed thereto; and,

10 WHEREAS, doubts have arisen as to the validity of said deeds; therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*, That all deeds
2 heretofore executed by a county judge or county court, or the chairman of the board of su-
3 pervisors of any county, and to which the officer executing the same has failed or omitted to
4 affix the county seal, and all deeds where the clerk has failed or omitted to countersign when
5 required so to do, be and the same are hereby legalized and made valid the same in all re-
6 spects as though the law had, in all respects, been fully complied with.